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SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how many such applications have been received so far? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I believe a few such applications have been received. They are not many."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Government will take over those estates first? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It all depends upon the number of such applications we get and the area from which they come."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that the collection of cess amount has come down in 1358 fasli to Rs. 11,24,228 are not Government aware that the present position of the local bodies existing in those estates is such that they must have suffered considerably, and if so, what steps the Government have taken to rehabilitate those local bodies? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Those local bodies must have suffered financially, because there is less of collection there. But as to the question of help to them, that is a matter which has to be examined when local bodies take it up with the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—" May I know whether Government have received any such representations from such local bodies? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question." 11-30 p.m.

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the arrears will be deducted from the amount of compensation to be paid to the zamindars? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, the question relates to the collection of arrears of rents due from the tenants to the zamindar, and it was asked whether out of the collection of these arrears, the Government are entitled to the peishkash amount. There is no question of any reduction from the compensation amount at all."

Proposal to close rice mills.

* 48 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the rice mills in the selected areas are proposed to be closed with a view to encourage consumption of hand-pounded rice; and

(b) if so, whether any scheme to encourage hand-pounded rice is ready?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."